

Dodge County Land & Water Conservation
Committee Meeting Minutes
127 East Oak Street
Juneau, WI 53039
April 30, 2018

The Dodge County Land & Water Conservation Committee (LWCC), Planning, Development & Parks Committee and the UW-Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 8:00 o'clock A.M., in the First Floor Conference Room, Room 1H and 1I, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

Note: All Action Items related only to the Land & Water Conservation Committee. The Planning, Development & Parks Committee listened, gathered information within the body's realm of authority, but did not take any formal action.

1. Call to Order? This meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:00 AM with the following members present: Larry Bischoff, Lisa Derr, Richard Fink, Allen Behl, Bill Muche, James Qualmann and Bill Foley were in attendance.

Other Dodge County Board Members and Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors
Present: Russell Kottke-County Board Chairman, Jim Mielke, County Administrator, John Bohonek-County Conservationist, Kim Nass-Corporation Council, Becky Bell-Human Services and Health Department, Jodi Langfeldt-Public Health Officer, Joe Gebel-Land Resources and Parks, Dave Addison Property Description, Kathy Turner-USDA-NRCS, Tara Ziegler-USDA-FSA, Ruth Johnson


2. Motion by Allen Behl, seconded by Bill Muche to approve Agenda and Permit Chair to Deviate from Agenda to Efficiently Conduct Meeting. Motion passed.
3. Motion by Richard Fink, seconded by Lisa Derr to approve Minutes of the March 26, 2018 Meeting. Motion passed.
4. Public Appearances/Comments - (Limit 5 Minutes per Speaker) Lisa Derr spoke regarding goals and problem solving before getting to solutions. Ruth spoke regarding appreciating committee looking at groundwater issues and her experience at the alliance meetings. She is also heartened seeing that the farmer's group (Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil and Healthy Water) has a link on the website which shows how the county supports this joint initiative which has great potential.
5. Agency Advisor Monthly Reports: Kathy Turner-NRCS, Significant Work Activities & Issues – Finished CRP applications as well as EQUP program for soil cover crops and reduced tillage.
6. John Bohonek reviewed the Bills and Revenue including wildlife damage program, WLWCA registration for bills and revenue mainly from Farmland Preservation fees as well as reimbursement for 2017 4th quarter wildlife damage program.

7. Discuss Committee's Goals for the Department – Discussed better defining the issue of water quality as well as educating people before discussing testing. Public health nurse, Jody Langfeldt, said that one problem is a lack of education. We send out 70 to 80 testing kits a year and there is no cost for the test but only 50% of people send it back. We look at bacteria, nitrates, arsenic (& other heavy metals) and fluoride. The next 3 Townships that the Land and Water Conservation Department will offer their voluntary testing program to include Westford, Calamus, and Elba. Some people are concerned that they will be forced to shock or replace the well if it tests bad. They should know that they are not required to do anything about it.
8. Discuss/sign Civil Rights Partner packet with NRCS – Kathy Turner spoke about civil rights responsibilities for partner's checklist.
9. Discuss Farmland Preservation Program: FPP Tracking System – John has been getting certifications back.
10. Discuss formation of Beaver Dam Lake District and possible impact on LWCC/LWCD – Discussed a relatively strict time-schedule within which BDLIA must obtain 550 signatures. This committee will probably need to conduct a public hearing if the required signatures are obtained.
11. Cancellation of Bridges Partner Agreement with FSA – Tara Ziegler discussed being a “Bridges Partner” to collaborate with farmers. New administration is canceling the agreement and reestablishing it as a new program with different software.
12. County Conservationist Monthly Report: Significant Work Activities and Issues – Delayed the tree distribution, submitted 2018 annual work plan to DATCP, continued on FPP software development, attended HSHW workshop at Roche Farms, attended DATCP meeting in Jefferson county. John is developing a letter for the Wildcat Creek Watershed plan and he additionally met with corporation counsel to discuss committees' role in Lake District formation process by BDLIA.
13. Committee Member Reports – Lake Sinissippi District continued working on upgrading Anthony Island and developing 2018 budget which included some dredging and some educational seminars. They were also planning a pontoon ride for interested agricultural owners.

BDLIA watershed report will be coming out. There are several water samplings in three primary outlets into Beaver Dam Lake testing for nutrients, etc. Stevens Point UW Extension had a mock up for soil runoff and they'll try to bring that into Beaver Dam and Dodge County sometime this summer.

14. Correspondence – Upcoming meeting on worker availability through Thrive (formerly Glacial Heritage Development Partnership).
15. Per Diem – Dick Fink moved and Allen seconded to approve the per diems.
16. Next Meeting Date/ Future Meeting Topics. Allen moved and Jim seconded to adjourn until next meeting on May 21 at 8:00 am.
17. Adjournment


Chair

 Secretary